

BOOK REVIEWS

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A DIRECTORY OF INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETIES DEALING WITH TUBERCULOSIS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. Compiled by Lilian Brandt. Published by the Committee on the Prevention of Tuberculosis of the Charity Organization of the City of New York, and The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Besides furnishing a very comprehensive list of the institutions and societies engaged in the war against the spread of tuberculosis, this directory contains some interesting and valuable papers from specialists whose names are familiar to most of us. It is to be hoped that the book will be made widely known, and that local stationers may offer it for sale generally in all parts of the country.

A glance at the contents shows what seems to be a great partiality for treating the favorable cases, and in more than one paper there is urged the need of more places for the hopeless cases. It certainly seems poor economy to send the tubercular subject back to his home at the very time when his presence is most dangerous to the other members of his family. Another point where the wisdom of man appears to the mere onlooker as questionable comes under the head of municipal control—the fine of five hundred dollars, or one year's imprisonment, for ignorance. The men who expectorate have really no idea that it is anything but a rather neat accomplishment, and there seems a lack of reason in a fine for spitting on the floor of the car, while the salivated one may shoot at the defenceless foot-passengers from the platform of the car or from its windows with impunity. A placard of advice might at least go along with the awful menace of the law; a great many people find a fascination in breaking an arbitrary law, but few like to expose themselves as very simple or foolish or ignorant.

There is very little mention made of provision for non-pulmonary tuberculosis, only for something less than one hundred children and none at all for adults. This may be because the class is still received in general hospitals, however. We very cordially indorse the wish of Miss Brandt. "There is," she says in her introductory, "every reason

to hope that the second edition of the Directory will be twice the size of this volume."

AMERICAN POCKET MEDICAL DICTIONARY. Edited by W. A. Newman Dorland, A.M., M.D., assistant obstetrician to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania; fellow of the American Academy of Medicine, etc. Containing the Pronunciation and Definition of All the Principal Terms used in Medicine and the Kindred Sciences, along with Over Sixty Extensive Tables. Fourth edition, revised and enlarged. Published by W. B. Saunders & Co., Philadelphia, New York, London. Price: plain, \$1.00 net; indexed, \$1.25 net.

The Pocket Dictionary, as it now appears, will require a good, large, and stout pocket to hold it, for although it is printed on fine paper and with nothing wasted in margins, and in the neatest of fine leather binding, yet there are five hundred and sixty-six pages of it and it is considerably larger in its fourth edition than in its first. The Pocket Dictionary needs scarcely any recommendation, as it has become a necessity to the nurse, forever on the move, and to whom the bigger dictionaries are almost always inaccessible when most wanted. The preface to the fourth edition states that "several thousand of the newest terms have been incorporated, and the whole work has been submitted to a careful revision. The additions include hundreds of new terms that will not be found in any similar publication." Apart from the contents the book deserves a special word of commendation for the taste displayed in its binding of red and gold.

THE CARE OF THE BABY. By J. P. Crozer Griffith, M.D. W. B. Saunders & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Price, \$1.50.

This book contains a wealth of information valuable to the young mother, and may be safely recommended to their patients by nurses engaged in obstetrical work.

A physician has said of it, "I always give a copy to the young expectant mothers who are under my care."

MISS ETHEL McCAUL, an English nurse, who, with the sanction of the Queen of England and the permission of the Japanese Government, went to Japan last spring to observe Japanese medical and nursing management in war time, has published a most valuable and entertaining book called "Under the Care of the Japanese War Office," published by Cassell & Co., in which she describes with detail the marvellously perfect organization and methods of this wonderful people. The book ought to be placed in every nurses' library.